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- In 1947 a large underground military depot was constructed east of the village of Leskovec, among the hills separating the village from the Sava River. Most of the workers employed in the construction of this depot were German PW's from the Brezice PW camp. Twenty civilians were employed as technicians and blasting experts. Since the northern edge of the hill, into which the three entrances to the depot lead, was blasted out, the site resembles a quarry. The three entrances, sixty meters apart, leading into the depot from the north, are camouflaged by trees and shrubbery. Each entry is of concrete, six meters wide and two meters high, and is built in the form of a tunnel. From the entrance, each tunnel descends gradually for a distance of about ten meters, then is continued by stairs for ten meters; at the bottom of the stairs, the tunnel turns west for a distance of ten meters, then south for about a hundred meters, at which point the depot is reached. From the bottom of the stairs each tunnel is connected with the depot by a sixty centimeter narrowgauge track mounted on a wooden floor.
- The underground depot is $100 \times 100 \times 8$ meters in size and is constructed of reinforced concrete. The ceiling is supported by concrete arches and pillars. Opposite the three entry tunnels are two emergency exits. The openings to the outside of the emergency exits are 150 meters apart underneath the southern slope of the hill in which the depot is located.
- 3. On 15 February 1948, construction of the depot was completed and electric service and water pipes were installed.
- 4. In late February 1948, supplies of small arm ammunition in wooden cases, as well as timmed food and military clothing were beginning to come in. These materials arrived from Zagreb by train to Videm-Krsko, and were brought by truck to the depot.
- 5. A barracks, housing the administration and the military guards, 50 x 50 x 8 meters in size, was constructed in early 1948 on the slopes NAW of the under ground depot. The depot area is presently guarded by one KNOJ company

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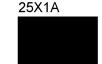
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(one hundred men), and the area surrounding the entires and emergency exits is off limits to unauthorized personnel.

6. In early 1948 a concrete bunker with a capacity of seven men was installed on top of the hill over the depot. The bunker has a turret equipped with a quadruple-barrel anti-aircraft gun and periscopic sights.